



Ref: BSEC-1-23-5166

Judge John Cain
Coroner
c/o Melissa Lancuba

Your Honor

Finding into Death without Inquest - Godressi

I refer to your Finding into Death without Inquest in relation to Brad Anthony Godressi. I apologise in the delay in responding. In that Finding, you made the following recommendation:

That the Secretary for the Department of Transport and Planning consider amending the current legislative framework so that if a person has been disqualified from driving a motor vehicle for offences relating to drug and alcohol use or on medical grounds, the disqualification should also extend to their Marine Licence. Further, consideration should be given as to whether disqualification of a person's marine licence for drug alcohol offences or medical grounds should be extend to their vehicle licence.

The Department agrees in-principle that there is merit in investigating amendments to the legislative frameworks for road safety drivers licences and marine licences. However, as it is a complex matter, further time is needed to consider this recommendation.

The recommendation relates to multiple portfolios, namely the Outdoor Recreation portfolio and the Roads and Road Safety portfolio. Since the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions (DJSIR) supports the Minister for Outdoor Recreation on matters relating to marine safety, that Department must be consulted in relation to this finding and recommendation. The Department is in the process of engaging with DJSIR on this matter.

Additionally, the recommendation would necessitate changes to road safety registration and licensing systems and equivalent systems for marine licences. Further time is needed to evaluate the feasibility of changes to both of these systems, noting that a joint venture operator now administers these systems.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joe Monforte', with a small flourish at the end.

Joe Monforte
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Date: 12/12/2023